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# Will Pull Out Of NSA, Oberlin Chapter Warns

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The Oberlin College chapter of the National Student Association (NSA) threatened Saturday to pull out of the NSA.

Alan Wachtel, Oberlin's NSA chairman, said he was dismayed on learning that the NSA's supervisory board had admitted NSA officers and paid staff members were often used by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in direct intelligence-gathering activities abroad.

The board also disclosed that CIA funds had accounted for up to 80 per cent of NSA's \$900,000 budget rather than 25 per cent as earlier claimed.

"WE'RE demanding a full explanation from our national office," said Wachtel, 20, a junior from Great Neck, L. I., N. Y. "If we don't get one, we'll disaffiliate."

In announcing its position, Oberlin's group became the first of more than 300 autonomous campus units to threaten splitting off from the NSA.

The Oberlin NSA chapter also issued this statement deploring "the congressional blindness which assumes CIA interaction leaves American students untouched — merely subsidized."

"We want to know who authorized the CIA funding of the NSA — and who authorized the apparently substantial amounts to the AFL-CIO. We ask all public organizations to re-evaluate their sources of funds," the statement said.

IN WASHINGTON, meanwhile, officers of the American Newspaper Guild said the Guild would terminate its relations

with any foundation linked to the CIA and seek financial aid from other sources for the Guild's international affairs operations.

Guild officers declared that the Guild had never used its international affairs program "as a forum to deliver anything but its trade union message. No one has sought to have it do otherwise."

Guild officials have admitted that they had received up to \$900,000 in grants since 1965 from the Chesapeake Foundation, the Warden Trust, and the Broad-High Foundation to finance such activities as confer-

ences on newspaper union organization work and journalism seminars overseas. The money allegedly was provided to the foundations by the CIA.

ARTHUR ROSENSTOCK, president of the Guild, said "there was no indication that the foundation grants for Latin American programs and other overseas operations came from the CIA."

"Nobody tried to tell us how to use the money, or tried to control us," he added.

The Johnson Administration's investigation of covert activities by the CIA will extend far beyond the agency's infiltration of student organizations.

The presidential panel will also inquire into the CIA's involvement with American labor unions, charitable foundations, ostensibly independent international organizations, and other institutions.

THE PANEL will explore CIA infiltration of intellectual circles and may explore the

possible infiltration of church groups.

The Baird Foundation of New York, for example, has passed on at least \$350,000 of CIA money since 1961. One of Baird's principal beneficiaries in that period has been the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Church Outside Russia. Baird has given the synod \$132,500 since 1961.

Still another area of possible infiltration has been the world press. Besides unexplained

"press" payments of nearly \$250,000 by the International Development Foundation in 1963, there have been other large payments through funds linked to the CIA.

The Independence Foundation of Boston, for example, has received funds from the CIA and has reported in its 1962 financial statement the expenditure of \$42,900 "through foundation agents, covering editing, publishing and distribution of publications in Latin America dealing with and explaining the U. S. 'free enterprise' economic system . . ."

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# NCA At Oberlin Stunned

AKRON — Disclosures that the CIA had funded the National Student Association (NSA) stunned campus leaders of that organization at Oberlin College.

"We were aghast," said Alan Wachtel, 20, chairman of the NSA at Oberlin, Ohio's sole college affiliate with the student organization.

"We're still having trouble grasping the implications of such a link-up. We hope there isn't any more to it than has already come out — because what has come out is bad enough."

WACHTEL, A JUNIOR from Great Neck, L. I., N. Y., said the first question that came to his mind when he heard of the

CIA-NSA relationship was: "Who's really picking the people who go all over the place — the students who go abroad for conferences or for a year of study? That's what I wanted to know."

Wachtel said there was no way of really knowing because of the nature of the NSA.

"There's a great deal of autonomy in the NSA," Wachtel noted. "Each campus group looks after its own problems. This autonomy also exists on the national coordinating level."

FROM HIS point of view, the main function of the national body was to keep all campuses informed of what directions other student bodies were headed.

"At our yearly national con-

ferences, we elected officers, but mainly we learned what was happening at colleges all over the nation," Wachtel said. "No matter what the national level really was, on the campus the NSA tended to be slightly left of center in its pulse and directions."

At Oberlin for instance, the NSA chapter has sponsored conferences on Black Power and southern justice, held a Red China teach-in, and organized protests on the war in Vietnam and against appearance of Navy recruiters on campus.

THIS WEEKEND, Oberlin's NSA chapter is holding a drug conference featuring Drs. Richard Alpert and Ralph Metzner—two of the big three, including

Dr. Timothy Leary, behind the national LSD movement.

"Ideally, the NSA national level reflects the attitudes of 1.3 million students on some 300 campuses," Wachtel said. "We're waiting to hear if our national governing committee says it has been more than that."

Wachtel said he put no stock in published surmises that the CIA has infiltrated the NSA, or that CIA agents have traveled abroad under NSA credentials.

"Funding us and using the NSA to gather information abroad is one thing," Wachtel said. "CIA infiltration is something else again. I hope we haven't been used. It might tear the NSA apart."

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